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SUBJECT: INTEREST IN VIETNAMESE FISHING CRAFT

REFS: (A) STATE 139957; (B) SINGAPORE 2671; (C) STATE 148176

1. EMBASSY HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED ANY REPLY TO ITS LETTER TO MIN HOME AFFAIRS DATED JUNE 19 (REF B) REQUESTING INFORMATION ON NUMBER, CONDITION AND LEGAL STATUS OF FISHING VESSELS LEFT BEHIND BY 7,000 PLUS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN MAY.

2. DISCREET SEARCH BY NAVATT IN DAO LAUNCH HAS DISCLOSED THAT THERE ARE 16 VIETNAMESE BOATS/CRAFT SHELTERED IN EASTERN COVE OF ST. JOHN'S ISLAND. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES SEVERAL OF THESE VESSELS WERE BROUGHT TO SINGAPORE BY 900 REFUGEES WHO ARE STILL AT ST. JOHN'S ISLAND. ELEVEN OF THESE VESSELS WERE OBSERVED TO BE IN FAIR CONDITION AND COULD BE USED IN THE LOCAL AREA, BUT NOT FOR ANY LONG JOURNEY. THREE VESSELS WERE OBSERVED SINKING AND TWO WERE BEACHED. IN ADDITION THERE ARE SEVERAL SMALL VESSELS IN VICINITY AT RSN BASE, ALL IN POOR CONDITION.

3. DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, COL. TAN CHIN WOUI INFORMED DAO THAT REFUGEES WHO LEFT BOATS BEHIND AND DEPARTED SINGAPORE IN EARLY MAY HAD SIGNED DOCUMENT RELINQUISHING TITLE AND ANY FUTURE CLAIM TO THEIR CRAFT. HOWEVER, HE SAID ONLY A HANDFUL OF BOATS HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND AND MOST WERE SMALL AND IN CONFIDENTIAL

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